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POLITICAL TALK

Many Things Being Planned by the Politicians

The recent election did not clear up the political muddle in Tennessee as completely as many hoped it would. The result in the governor's race was decisive. Hooper's majority over McMillin was over 8,000. Considering the fact that two republicans were running this cannot be considered other than a complete victory.

In the legislative contest the result is not so decisive. The regular democrats and fusionists are claiming the legislature. The claims being made are proof clearly that neither side has anything positive to base its claim on. Both are hopeful that when it is known how the various members stand on the contested issues that the majority will be on their side.

It is accepted on all sides as a fact that the eleven votes from Shelby county will be in demand both in the organization of the house and senate and in the election of those state officers who are chosen by joint vote of the general assembly. It is also conceded that Mayor Crump, of Memphis, will practically control the votes of these eleven members. This makes Crump an important factor, and he will, no doubt, have much to do with the organization of both houses of the legislature.

There are a few things that, at this stage of the game, look almost certain. It seems that M. R. Patterson will not be elected to the United States senate. It is also equally as certain that Frank Dibrell will not be elected comptroller. It is almost a safe prediction that an independent democrat will be elected to the United States senate.

It looks pretty certain that an independent democrat will be elected speaker of the senate and it is possible that the speaker of the house will be an independent democrat.

The organization of the house and senate out of the way the election of a United States senator will be the big fight and it will follow pretty soon after the organization. A senator is to be elected to the short term, that is from the time of his election to March 4. A senator is to be elected for a full term, beginning March 4. Politicians who seem to be best informed, especially the independents and fusionists, assert that B. A. Enloe, chairman of the state railroad commission, has the call for the long term. The regulars, however, claim that they will control this election, and are somewhat at sea. Patterson is the nominee of the primary, but feeling confident that they cannot elect him, they seem to be willing and anxious to throw him overboard and take up McMillin and give him the senatorial toga.

The Commercial Appeal says that a recent rumor from Nashville tends to confirm the report that Mr. Enloe knew what he was doing when he took the stump for Governor Hooper during the closing days of the campaign. That rumor has it that as a part of the agreement reached by Mayor Crump and Senator Lea, the senatorial toga to be allowed to remain upon Newell Sanders' shoulders for the short term, from the date of the assembling of the general assembly until March 4, and that the long term, which begins on that date, is to go to Mr. Enloe.

In return, this story has it, Mr. Enloe has agreed not to interfere with Senator Lea's distribution of federal patronage in the state, which would allow the latter to maintain his hold upon political control in Tennessee.

So long as it is not known how so many of the members stand no

prediction with any degree of certainty can be made, and all the plans the politicians are now laying may be knocked out before the legislature convenes.

An interesting piece of political gossip in connection with the offices at the disposal of the legislature is that the opposition to Frank Dibrell is favorable to George P. Woollen as being the most available man upon whom to center. The argument is made in his behalf that his long experience in the practical details of the comptroller's office and intimate acquaintance with the financial affairs of the state, and the workings of the whole tax system, make him the very man to outline and carry to a successful conclusion, the reforms in the comptroller's office which have been advocated, and would make him of great service in the important matter of funding the state debt.

John L. Cox, who will be a member of the house, has made a statement that will give the legislature a chance to do something on the whisky question, and indicates that the people are going to have legalized saloons in Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga, or Governor Hooper is going to be given enough authority to enforce prohibition.

Governor Cox believes that it would be the part of wisdom to enforce the democratic state platform, which would legalize the sale of liquor in the three large cities. He will introduce a bill to that effect, and will do all he can to secure its passage. But if the legislature refuses to carry out this idea, then Governor Cox will introduce a second bill giving the governor the right to remove mayors, sheriffs and attorney-generals for failing to enforce the law, and power to send circuit judges from one section of the state to another.

Postoffice Change

A. R. Appleby has been appointed postmaster at Lexington to succeed Dr. J. L. Murray, who has had the office for sixteen years. Mr. Appleby is the father of County Judge Will T. Appleby, and is a well-to-do farmer. He belongs to the Sanders-Hooper faction of the republican party.

BIG LAND DEALS

Hollow Rock Citizens Make Some Valuable Transfers

Several real estate transfers were made by citizens of Hollow Rock and community last Monday. Lester Hudson sold his home near Hollow Rock to Zib and Will Cooper for \$1,500. L. M. Williams sold his farm to Lester Hudson, the consideration being \$1,600. Mr. Hudson then sold this place and a farm adjoining it to John Cooper for \$6,000.

These are all valuable places and will make the parties who bought them good homes. Hollow Rock has some fine land around it and also some most excellent citizens.

Lexington Road Club

On last Thursday afternoon the Lexington Road Club was most hospitably entertained by Mrs. James Dickey, two miles south of town. At the request of the club, Drs. Dodds and Cox were present and made excellent talks on hygiene and sanitation. Rev. George L. Johnson was also invited and gave some good microscopic views of the mosquito and the typhoid fly. Such services should be highly appreciated as they have an educational value of great importance. Dr. Cox thinks that just as persistent effort on the part of mothers has almost eradicated the head louse, so may the typhoid fly, the greatest of pests, be reduced in numbers to a minimum.

J. ROACH UTLEY

A Splendid Citizen Died Near Cedar Grove

J. Roach Utley, one of the best citizens of the county, died at his home near Cedar Grove, in the Sixth district, last Friday night at about 11 o'clock. A few weeks ago Mr. Utley, while o'possum hunting, fell into a gully, sustaining a broken leg. Later he took pneumonia, and other complications set in, bringing about his death.

The deceased was 61 years old last March, was a member of the Christian church and is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. John Montgomery, Mrs. Dave Robinson and Mrs. Ivy Howley, the latter is a widow and lived with her parents. He is also survived by his father, who is 84 years old, one sister and four brothers, all of whom reside in Henderson county. He was married in 1870 to Miss Isabella Lee, sister of A. M., W. E. and Henry Lee, of this place. He was an upright man, a clever neighbor and a useful citizen. He was very popular in his community and his death is sorely regretted by his neighbors and friends.

The burial occurred Saturday at the Ferguson burying ground, the funeral and burial services being conducted by Eld. Herron, of the Christian church. A large crowd attended and participated in the last sad rites.

Infant's Close Call

A special from Milan says: Joe E. Sadler, a successful farmer seven miles north of here near Gunn, lost his residence by fire Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Sadler were in the field about 300 yards distant from the house when they discovered that the house was enveloped in flames. They rushed to the house and arrived in time to carry out their infant child just before the roof fell in. The house and contents were valued at \$1,200 with no insurance. Nothing was saved. It is thought that fire was caused by an ember rolling out from the hearth upon the floor.

Not a candidate

G. Tom Taylor, state treasurer, says he will not be a candidate before the legislature when his term expires in January. Mr. Taylor will make his permanent home in Memphis and has already closed a lease for a home on Herbert avenue.

Mr. Taylor gives as the reason for his retirement from politics the pressure of his own private affairs. He deserted the regular republican camp and joined the bull moose movement.

Mr. Taylor is the head of the Taylor Grain company of Memphis. His home has formerly been in Union City, but as soon as his term of office expires he will take up his residence in Memphis.

Lyceum Course

The Civic Improvement Club are pleased to announce that the Lyceum Course has been secured and that the opening number, the Appollo Concert Company, will appear shortly. If our town friends will kindly send or mail their checks for their tickets either to the president or treasurer, they will lighten the work for the ladies. Your tickets will be mailed or sent to you as soon as possible after they have been received from the Lyceum Bureau. When the tickets are delivered you will be directed where to find the board to have your seats reserved. Single entertainments will cost seventy-five cents for reserved seats and fifty cents for general admission.

MRS. J. O. T. PEELER, Pres.
MRS. A. W. FOSTER, Sec.

JAMES W. WALTERS

A Well-Known Huntingdon Citizen Passes Away

J. W. Walters passed away last Monday morning at his home in Huntingdon, after an illness of several months duration of tuberculosis. Mr. Walters had been sick several months and had not been able to be down in town for over four months. He voted in the August election, and had not been in town since.

The deceased was 66 years old last Sunday, the day before he died, and was, prior to his death, the youngest ex-confederate soldier in the county, so far as we know. He entered the army when a mere lad and lost an arm in a battle at Briceville, Miss. He made a brave soldier and always cherished the principles for which he fought.

He was married in 1872 to Miss Anna Cole and to this union were born six children, three of whom are dead, and two sons, J. Fred and Clyde, and one daughter, Miss Myrtle, together with his wife, survive him. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Freeman.

Mr. Walters, for sixteen years, served as register of Carroll county and during that time was one of the most popular officials the county ever had. He was a democrat, but because of his crippled condition and personal popularity he was four times elected register from a republican county. He made a most efficient officer, keeping his records in fine condition. He was an honest and clever man, and always had his friends.

The burial occurred Tuesday at the Oak Hill cemetery, after funeral services conducted at the home by Rev. George L. Johnson. The bereaved family have the sympathy of our people.

REAL ESTATE DEAL

Joe Kennon Buys Quite a Lot of Trezevant Property

Joe Kennon, of Arkansas, formerly of this county, has purchased a number of business houses on Atwood street, Trezevant. The houses bought are: The M. F. Fry building, the O. C. Sloan and Dr. R. M. Murray building and the E. A. Bryant building and vacant lot. It is understood that Mr. Kennon will move to Trezevant.

Joe Kennon was raised in Carroll county, but went west a number of years ago and has prospered. He has many friends in the county who will be glad to know that he is going to return and invest his money here.

EDUCATION IN TENNESSEE

Supt. Brister's Report Shows Progress in State's Schools

The statistical tables for the report of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Brister for the year ending June, 1912, have been completed. The summaries reveal progress. The scholastic population shows no material increase, but the enrollment and attendance are in advance of previous records. There is more than 10,000 increase in enrollment and 8,000 in attendance. Only 68 per cent of the scholastic population is enrolled and 48 per cent in attendance.

It is urged that a compulsory attendance law is needed. There are local laws in thirty-three counties, but they are indifferently enforced. The summaries show an increase of receipts over the previous year, they being \$6,677,262.86, compared with \$5,861,540.45. Supt. Brister doesn't believe that all of this excess represents actual increase of appropriation, but that he has been more successful in securing data. The length of school terms has not in-

creased during the year, but salaries of teachers have advanced.

In the rural schools the average salary is \$42.16, compared with \$39 last year. City teachers' salaries have advanced from \$66 to \$72 and \$81, and all salaries from \$42 to \$48. Property values are several million in excess of 1911, the totals for this year being \$12,192,663 against \$9,810,456 for the previous year.

Mrs. E. F. Spellings

News was received here Wednesday morning of the death of Mrs. E. F. Spellings, which occurred the night before at the home of L. J. Parker, her son-in-law, at Martin. Mrs. Spellings had been in a very bad state of health for some time and her death came as no surprise to those acquainted with her condition. The deceased is the widow of the late John Spellings, who died several years ago at his home in Buena Vista, and is survived by several children. She was a member of the Baptist church and was a devoted christian worker. She has many friends in Carroll county who regret her death and sympathize with the bereaved. The burial occurred yesterday at Buena Vista, after appropriate funeral services.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE

Held a Most Interesting and Profitable Session

The annual conference of the Memphis district of the M. E. church, south, finished its session at Brownsville last Monday night with the reading of the appointments for the incoming year. It is said to have been one of the best meetings of that body. Bishop Kilgo presided and performed his duties well. The meeting was exceedingly spiritual and the very best of feeling prevailed during the entire session.

The reports from the various departments of the work of the church were good, showing that the past year had been one of unusual activity and success. The contributions to the various departments of the work were fine, showing a liberal spirit upon the part of the churches. The Sunday school, educational and mission work all showed up well and greater strides were planned for another year.

Following are the appointments in which the readers of the Democrat are most likely to be interested:

Lexington District — Cleanthe Brooks, presiding elder; Adamsville circuit, R. O. Morgan, supply; Beech Bluff circuit, J. N. Coburn, supply; Bethel and Selmer, John W. Corpell; Camden circuit, Orco Robinson; Camden Station, T. C. McKelvey; Crainsville circuit, Herbert Y. Bagley; Decaturville circuit, F. B. Jones; Decaturville mission, I. S. Adkison, supply; Enville mission, H. P. Doyler; Holladay circuit, A. G. Barnes, supply; Hollow Rock circuit, R. S. Harrison; Huntingdon and Mt. Zion, R. C. Douglas; Lexington circuit, T. F. Maxedon; Lexington Station, R. M. Walker; Sallitillo and Sardis, W. F. Burden; Scott's Hill circuit, O. A. Lafferty; Selmer circuit, H. L. Johnson; Shiloh circuit, W. A. Stone; Wildersville mission, R. P. Robbins; Vanderbilt University student, Yates Moore.

L. D. Hamilton is made presiding elder of the Paris district; Atwood circuit, A. D. Maddox; Gleason circuit, W. T. Holly; McKenzie circuit, N. W. Lee; McKenzie Station, S. F. Wynne; Murray Station, J. M. Pickens; Paris, C. A. Waterfield.

Anyone wanting a turkey for Thanksgiving, see or write J. T. Mebane, Huntingdon, Route 2.

AFFLICTED FAMILY

Two Cases of Pellagra in Dr. G. T. Newbill's Family

The family of Dr. G. T. Newbill, of the Atwood community, has two cases of pellagra. Martin Newbill, twenty-three years old, and his sister, Miss Brooksie, twenty-one years old, are both in a critical condition.

C. R. Newbill, a neighbor and relative, was here Monday, and he said the condition of the two young people was simply deplorable. The young man has been crazy at intervals for nearly four weeks, and his mind is becoming more affected all the time. He is some better in other respects, but the deranged attacks come oftener and he becomes wild, and wants to do something desperate. Arrangements were being made to carry him to the asylum at Boliver as he had to be guarded, and often it took two or more persons to manage him.

Miss Brooksie's mind first became affected Monday of last week, or at least it became very noticeable then, and she has been growing worse since, and at times her mind would be entirely gone and she would scream for hours. She is indeed in a very critical condition.

Dr. Newbill, who is a very prominent physician himself, has had other physicians to see his children, and they have all agreed that the disease is pellagra, and since studying the disease and its symptoms the doctor is satisfied the malady has been coming on his son and daughter for nearly three years.

This is a most excellent family and they have a host of friends who sympathize with them in their sad affliction.

Preston's Bill

T. R. Preston, of Chattanooga, chairman of the state tax commission manufacturers' association, has prepared a bill to be introduced at the coming session of the legislature that will do the work of the present board of equalization and back tax revenue agents. There is a provision for complete wiping out of back tax system as now practiced.

CEMETERY ENTERTAINMENT

McKenzie Quartette and Local Talent to Take Part

The McKenzie Quartette, composed of Messrs. R. J. Parnell, Otis K. Martin, J. L. Thomason and Fern Scates, whose vocal efforts on several occasions have been so highly appreciated, after repeated urgent invitations from the Cemetery Association of Huntingdon to sing in that town, have accepted, and on Thanksgiving night will appear in Huntingdon, where they will render a specially prepared program, the proceeds going to the cemetery of that place. This is quite a compliment paid our local boys, and several from McKenzie will attend the entertainment, going over at 4:45 and returning at 11:15 p. m.—McKenzie Banner.

The McKenzie Quartette, assisted by Misses Erin Hilliard, Florence Nelle McGill, little Katie Gilmore and Clyde Johnson, readers, will furnish a very interesting and entertaining program at the court house Thursday evening, November 28.

The Quartette numbers will embrace both sacred and popular songs. Proceeds for the Oak Hill Cemetery. Prices, reserved seats, 50c; general admission, 35c; children, 25c.

F. S. Patrick went to Martin Wednesday night to meet his wife and daughter, who have been in Chicago for several months. They were expected home yesterday evening.